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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, US, LU
SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER THORN'S VISIT TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON

1. I SAW PRIME MINISTER THORN ALONE FOR A DRINK YESTERDAY (SEPTEMBER 7) TO REESTABLISH CONTACT AFTER OUR RESPECTIVE ABSENCES THIS SUMMER. HE IMMEDIATELY RAISED THE QUESTION OF APPOINTMENTS DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON AND ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY NEWS. HE SAID THAT IT WAS QUOTE IMPORTANT END QUOTE TO HIM--BY WHICH HE OBVIOUSLY MEANT FOR PURPOSES OF HIS STANDING BOTH AT HOME AND EUROPE--TO SEE THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY. IF IT PROVED ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE THE PRESIDENT, HE WONDERED WHETHER HE MIGHT SEE THE VICE PRESIDENT. THORN SAID THAT HIS ONLY TWO FIXED APPOINTMENTS THAT WEEK WERE HIS ADDRESS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OCTOBER 3 AND HIS PRESS CLUB LUNCHEON SPEECH IN WASHINGTON ON OCTOBER 5. WHILE HE HAD BEEN PLANNING TO LEAVE WASHINGTON THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 6 IN ORDER TO ATTEND AN OCTOBER 7 CABINET MEETING, APPOINTMENTS IN WASHINGTON WERE SO IMPORTANT TO HIM THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO REMAIN IN WASHINGTON THROUGH OCTOBER 10 IF NECESSARY.

2. I CANNOT EMPHASIZE TOO STRONGLY THORN'S CONCERN ON THIS
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MATTER OF APPOINTMENTS. AS A FORMER UNGA PRESIDENT, HE FEELS IT WOULD BE BAD FORM FOR HIM NOT TO GO TO NEW YORK. BUT HE ALSO FEELS THAT IT WOULD HARM HIM IF HE GOES TO NEW YORK AND IS NOT RECEIVED AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE ADMINISTRATION. FURTHERMORE, HE BELIEVES THAT HE HAS BEEN A GOOD FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES AND DESERVES TO BE TREATED AS SUCH. LOWENSTEIN

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